

The GNU manifesto



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- Born: March 16, 1953
- Hacker name: rms
- Left physics grad program at MIT to work at the AI lab
- Launched the GNU Project in 1983



The End of Hacker Culture

Early 1980's -Programmers began locking software to gain advantage over competitors

Proprietary software became the norm

Stallman saw that the locks on software and ideas



"The only thing ...worse than an **unauthorised** copy of a proprietary program, is an **authorised** copy of the proprietary program because this does the same harm to its whole community of users, and in addition, usually the developer, the perpetrator of this evil, profits from it."

Free Software! (as in freedom, not beer)

Under the GNU manifesto

- Can copy and change things,
- Can still charge for what you make,
- But, you can't lock it
- “Copyleft”



The four freedoms of Free Software!

Under the GNU manifesto

- Freedom 0
 - You can run the program however you wish
- Freedom 1
 - Study and change the source code
- Freedom 2
 - Distribution of originals
- Freedom 3
 - Distribution of your modified versions

Let's debate!

FREE SOFTWARE IS FREEDOM



Topics:

Free software

DRM

Copyright

Free intellectual property

Free stuff (walmart)

Stallman fun!

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